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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CB, US

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MARSHAL LON NOL

REF: PHNOM PENH 5614

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MARSHAL LON NOL IN REPLY TO HIS OF NOVEMBER 7. ORIGINAL POUCHED DECEMBER 5(REG. NO. 2014077).

2. BEGIN QTE: DEPAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 7 IN WHICH YOU SPOKE OF YOUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ALSO OF THE ENERGETIC PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR THE COMING DRY SEASON BATTLE IN CAMBODIA. YOUR LETTER ALSO REFERRED TO THE NEED FOR AMMUNITION AND CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.

I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT MR. ENDERS HAS ALREADY INFORMED YOU OF THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF THREE MORE TROOPS OF M-113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, EIGHT ARMORED CRAFT FOR THE MEKONG AND MORE ARTILLERY AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL STOCKS OF MUNITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE KHMERS' DETERMINED DEFENSE OF COUNTRY AND FREEDOM AND WILL SUPPLEMENT YOUR OWN URGENT  
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EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE FORTHCOMING CRITICAL PHASE OF THE STRUGGLE.

AS YOU HAVE ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN INFORMED BY FOREIGN MIN-

ISTER LONG BORET, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF RECEIVING HIM AND  
AMBASSADOR UM SIM ON NOVEMBER 15. ON THAT OCCASION I RE-  
AFFIRMED OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE KHMER  
REPUBLIC TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST AGGRESSION AND TO CON-  
TINUE OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF CAMBODIA'S  
SEARCH FOR PEACE. I AGAIN EXPRESSED MY RESPECT FOR THE  
ENLIGHTENED POLICIES AND NATIONAL SOLIDARITY WHICH HAVE  
PREVAILED IN PAST MONTHS AND REPEATED MY CONFIDENCE IN  
YOUR SELFLESS LEADERSHIP. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END  
QTE. RUSH

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